

Princeton Monday
March 12/55-

Dear Dr.

Well! Who ever
thought old Nassau would
take to itself levity & fly
away! - Carbonic Acid & vapors
of water have gone - gone
far away - a heap of ashes
only remains of all that was
combustible of Nassau Hall.
Not one single unroasted
head - but within its classic walls.
Just look at it - The outer
walls stand entire - The chimneys
stand - some of the partition
walls stand & all else that
is not volatile is down

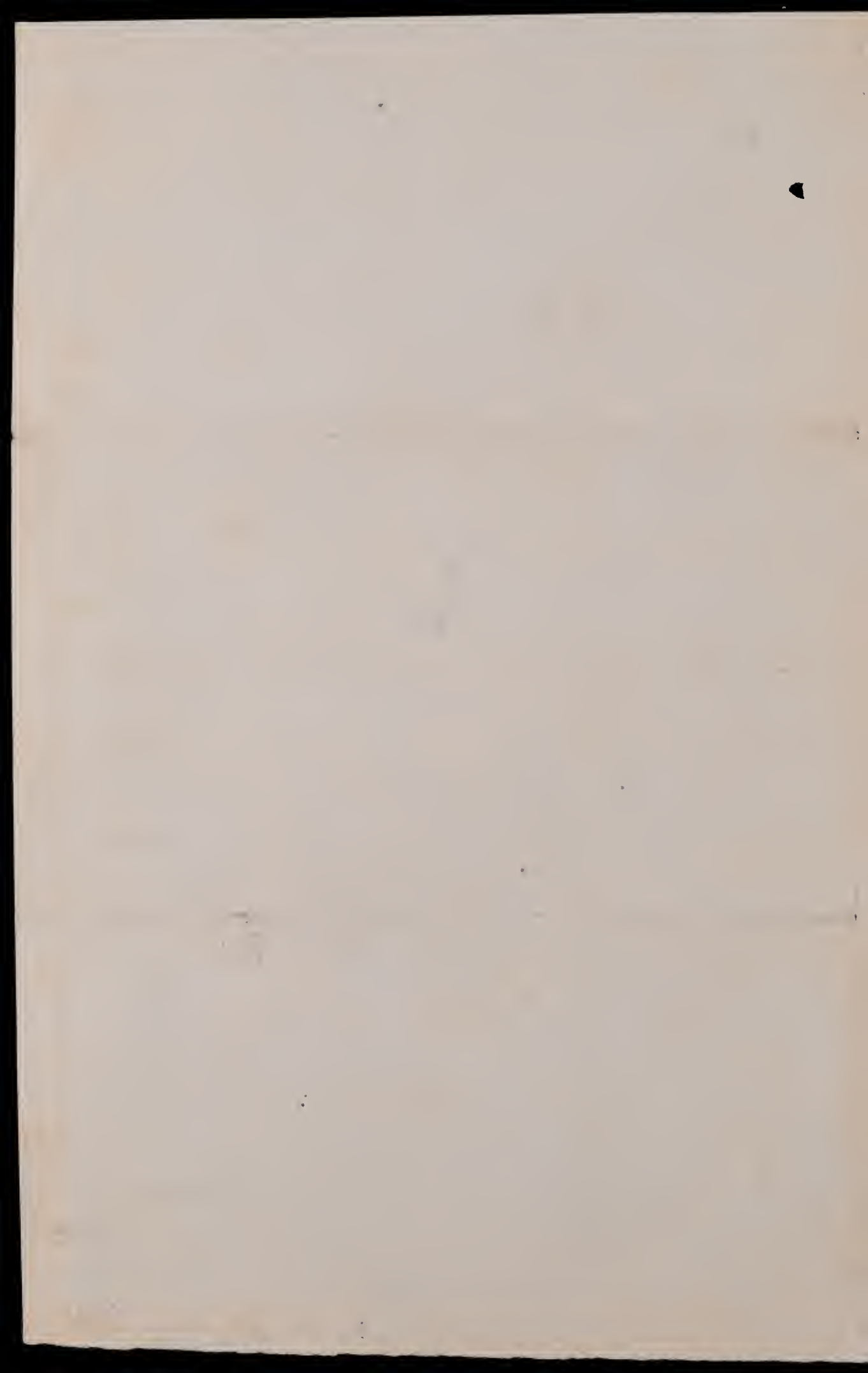
Cellar, ashes, bricks, mortar,
yet red hot - half melted stoves,
contorted iron bedsteads, masked
locks & crooked nails - That
same old hell is down cellar
not yet disinterred from its
red hot covering of rubbish -
Look at old Nassau - Do you
remember how you felt
then for the first time you
were confronted by a skeleton.
Do you remember the shudder
when its eye-less sockets first
stared at you? So stands
Nassau Hall - ghastly, lifeless,
still - His windowless orbits
stare at one till he quails,
shudders & turns away -

Add here & there a ricket
raking in the ashes for pennies
& the outline is sufficiently complete.

Your note of a few days
since reached me. I handed the
contained note to Lytle -

I long much for one of
our old talks - Come along
& let's go at it. - Henry is
in a very unpleasant posi-
tion - Euyot is doing very
well here - Probably will
leave for the east in about
a fortnight - I heard Walton
a few times - Do not know
what are his prospects, per-
haps rather fair than other-
wise - You are evidently some
what astray as regards my
relation to that matter -

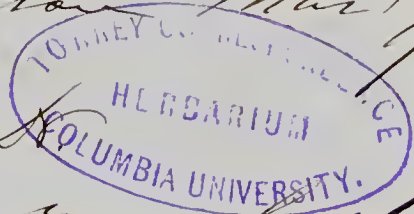
I am glad they are got through.
I feared he might fail for want
of time if not of knowledge. -
I have not seen him yet. -
Kind regards to your family -
Cordially yes - J. G. Schanck



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My Dear

Your last

note has long been lying
before me unanswered,
mainly because I have
from day to day been
hoping you might drop
in upon us.

I was quite surpris-
ed & gratified to be halted,
on coming out from
church on Sunday, by
Miss Margaret with whom
I chatted a few moments.
I begged her to call &

See Mrs P. Which to-day
she attempted to do, but
it being just about the
time of the arrival of
a little daughter at our
house neither Mrs P. or
myself could conveniently
receive or entertain her.
I believe Miss M. as well
as Mrs P. & infant, is
doing well. —

Your note reached
me at just about the
time our friends here were
in a stew over the report
that your college intended
to take Prof. Alexander
from us — The talk has
died away but I think

The silent fear remains.
It is conceded that you
can outbid us & that it
is supposed to give you a
very large advantage -

I hear of no selection
of chemist yet, though
I have no means of
hearing except through you
or perhaps Greeley - He
knows every thing & as he
has not announced the
choice I infer it prob-
ably has not yet been
publicly made - I know
but little of the men you
named - I have heard
Schaeffer's name more fre-
quently than either of the
others. -

Holton made us a

Pleasant visit - He has
improved some but has
much of Holton in him
yet. - I hope he may
soon find Mrs H. - If
she proves the right one
she will contribute largely
to his success at Middle-
bury. -

I hope to hear a
favourable account of
your trial of the Mc
Culloch process - But may
not the new dynasty
smother it all again -
Poor Buchanan - They'll
kill him! -

What a pretty piece
of business this Supreme
court decision is -

The query to my mind
is, if "negroes are nothing
but property" - & "have no
rights which a white man
is bound to respect"

Whether it is not about
time to agitate the
question how long they
are to continue to cast
so large a vote! -

Many of the arti-
cles from your Laboratory
come in play even in
so short a chemical
course as is now
progressing & nearly complete
here - I intend to plead
hard in a week or two

for more room to array
them & have some hope
of success. - The Minerals
are yet unpacked for
want of shelf room.

I think I may be
tempted to visit N.Y.
within a week or two
or three, even at the
risk of being persecuted
or Eckelized.

So poor Harley has
gone - gone I hope to
meet his wife & daughter
in a better world. -
I remember well my
only interview with him
at your house here - How
great the change for all of us
since then. - Yrs truly
J. S. Church